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Letter dated 27 May 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Lithuania and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement concerning the Declaration on Friendly Relations and Good-Neighbourly Cooperation between the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Poland (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement concerning the Declaration on Friendly Relations and Good-Neighbourly Cooperation between the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Poland

We have the honour to inform that, recently in Vilnius, the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Poland signed a Declaration on Friendly Relations and Good-Neighbourly Cooperation.

The Declaration marks the beginning of a new era in the relations between Lithuania and Poland and constitutes a solid foundation for cooperation between the two countries in the interest of stability and peace in Europe.

In the preamble of the Declaration both nations declare that in their further relations they will be guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The importance of the Lithuanian-Polish relations for all round cooperation in Central Europe, the Baltic region and the entire continent is underscored in the Declaration. The two nations are convinced that the contemporary record of their relations will not be an obstacle to, but instead can assist an intense cooperation between the peoples of both countries.

Both States declare that bilateral relations shall remain based on mutual recognition of sovereignty and territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs.

The Parties make no claims to the other's territory now and will refrain from such claims in the future. The existing State border between Lithuania and Poland is considered by the Contracting Parties to be inviolable now and in the future.

While pursuing their policies vis-à-vis their respective ethnic minorities, Lithuania and Poland will be guided by European norms enshrined in the relevant documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. The Contracting Parties express their conviction that persons belonging to both ethnic minority groups are and shall remain in the future loyal citizens of their respective countries of residence and that while preserving and fostering their national identity they shall continue to play an important part in bringing Lithuanian and Polish peoples closer together. The Parties will further strive to create for these minorities guarantees against discrimination in their political, social and economic activities, and enable them to freely maintain contacts with the other country.

Both Parties have agreed to protect the countries' historical and cultural monuments on their respective territories.

With a view to promoting trade and economic, scientific and technical ties, the Governments have pledged to conclude an agreement on trade and economic cooperation.

Close cooperation will also be established in the field of environmental protection and rational utilization of natural resources to ensure ecological security and minimize cross-border pollution.

The Parties declare their will to create the necessary conditions for the development of direct contact and cooperation between cultural and scientific institutions, political and social organizations, trade unions and other organizations.

The provisions of the Declaration will be further elaborated and confirmed in a Treaty to be concluded by the two States.

This Declaration marks an important step forward in a continuing effort to strengthen the close cooperation and mutually beneficial relations between Lithuania and Poland in accordance with the principles and standards laid down in the Charter of the United Nations.